



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : April 2019



	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
7 April	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Psalm 95</i>	Bible Society <i>Communion</i>
14 April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Rev Derek Allen	Easter Musical 7.00pm
19 April <i>Good Friday</i>	Peter Webb <i>Communion</i>	
21 April <i>Easter Day</i>	Baptism Service	Easter Celebration
28 April <i>Ladies' Sunday</i>	Jayne Haworth	Pamela Haslam-Jones
5 May Lunch	Jayne Webb <i>Family Service</i>	Stacksteads Methodists 6.00
12 May	John Ormiston	Pamela & Terry <i>Communion</i>
19 May	Rev David Parkin <i>Communion</i>	Café Church
26 May	Phil Bowden <i>Family Service</i>	No Service

Coming Up

The next **Deacons' Meeting** is on Tuesday 23 April and the next **Church Meeting** is on Wed 1 May.

On 2 May the church will be in use as a **polling station**. CBC and Choir leaders will let everyone know of amended arrangements.

By popular request, there will be a **Family Party** on Friday, 28 June 6.00- 8.00. More info in next newsletter.

This year, **Easter is later** with Palm Sunday on 14 April and Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) on 22 April. **Most Schools** finish for Easter on Friday 5 April and return on Tuesday, 23 April - the day after Easter Monday Bank Holiday.

Our regular activities will **be having a break** during the Easter Holidays

Well done to all the children who took part in **Acre Mill's Got Talent** on 19 March. It was a great evening and all the children did really well. **Congratulations to Carys** whose beautiful dance won the competition. Thanks also to **Louise** who organised the evening, Rachel who introduced everyone and to all who helped in any way. **£225 was raised for Leprosy Mission.**

At the morning service on Sunday, 21 April, **Sarah Hodgkinson (Webb) and Lee Metcalf** are being baptised. This will be a great opportunity to invite friends and family.

We all send our prayers and best wishes to Sarah and Lee for the day. They will be providing a pie and peas **lunch afterwards** to which everyone is invited. Please let them know your choice of pie on the list in the Fellowship Room.

Church Annual General Meeting

The annual review of the **Safeguarding Policy** was carried out and **Jayne Webb** and **Terry Haslam-Jones** continue as our children's representatives. No changes to our church constitution were needed.

John Chadwick has retired from the position of Independent examiner after 18 years! Our grateful thanks go to John for carrying out this important task so efficiently. Our new examiner is **Mr Stan Ravenhill**, the Treasurer of Rossendale Male Voice Choir.

At The **AGM** the decision was made to appoint the **Baptist Union** as our property trustees in place of The North West Baptist Association. NWBA have decided that they are unable to continue. You will not notice any change in the running of the church!!



In 2018 we were very pleased to receive **£3281** from HMRC as a result of the **Gift Aid Scheme**. The start of the new tax year is a good time to consider joining the scheme as we can reclaim 25% of everything that you give if you pay Income Tax.

Leaflets and envelopes are available with details and **David** will be very happy to tell you more! There are also some **spare envelopes** at the back of church for anyone who isn't able to join the Gift Aid scheme but would like to give a regular amount this way.



The **Easter Leaflets** have arrived and will go out to homes around the church next week. Please help if you can **even if it's just one street**. There is a list of streets available so we don't deliver to the same house twice!

Please Pray For

- Everyone recovering from hospital treatment
- Local, national and international political issues
- The Leprosy Mission and BMS
- The Easter leaflet - that it will be well received and have an impact.
- The work of Rossendale Hospice
- New contacts in the local community
- Young people looking for work
- The Baptist Churches of East Lancs
- Young people about to take exams
- The 'Send a Cow' Organisation
- The older members of our fellowship

Give Thanks For:

- Ministry in music by our choir
- Our beautiful Rossendale Valley
- People with technical skills and knowledge
- Christian teachers in local schools
- Answered prayers for healing
- Spring weather
- Easter Hope -New Life, New Start
- The young people and children of our church
- Freedom to celebrate Easter without fear
- Visiting Preachers from other Churches



The **growing season** is here again and there's lots of work to be done in the church garden. Any help would be appreciated - even half an hour of weeding, trimming or sweeping would be appreciated. Our garden is **one of Stacksteads' nicer places** and says a lot about our commitment to the church and our faith.

Flowers for April



31 March Joan Spencer in memory of Peter Spencer
 7 April : Samantha Sproston in memory of her grandparents
 14 April : Peter & Christine in memory of Allan and Betty Webb
 21 April : Jayne Webb in memory of Elsie Ramsbottom whose birthday is 20 April
 28 April : Miriam Kelly in memory of her Mum



Birthdays Happy Birthday to Jack Clegg whose birthday is on the 19th April and Eliott Sanderson whose birthday is the 14th. Also celebrating birthdays are Stephen Webb (10th), Sheila (15th), Miriam (27th) and Collette Banham on the 28th. **Best Wishes to all of them** and anyone with a birthday this month.

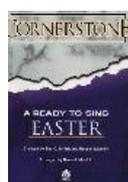
On 5 May we have been invited to **Stacksteads Methodist Church** as they celebrate their anniversary. There is **no evening service** at Acre Mill. The service starts at 6.00pm



So far we have raised £20 for this Easter's '**Send a Cow Project**'. Our target is £50. There is **still time** to feed the little cow on the piano before she goes off on her holidays!



Louise is still collecting used stamps as a fundraiser for **Leprosy Mission and BMS**. Leave at least 1 cm of envelope round the stamps and put them in the box in the Fellowship room. Also, don't forget the **Bring and Donate book area and the jigsaws**.



The choir are working hard putting the final touches to their presentation of 'the Easter Musical, **'Cornerstone'** on Palm Sunday. Please come along and bring a friend or family member with you. There are some **posters** for the musical now available in the Fellowship room.

We all enjoyed the annual family carvery at the **Rose and Bowl** last week (as usual) and had a great time together. Thanks, **David** for organising the event.



After the service on **Good Friday** morning we will have a packed lunch at church (brew provided). Then we travel by car to **Hollingworth Lake** (lifts available if needed) and do our usual leisurely walk round the lake - hopefully finishing up at the Chip Shop! Suitable clothes and footwear, please.

